TRANSPORT CANADA OFFICE OF BOATING SAFETY PACIFIC PLEASURE CRAFT COURTESY CHECK BULLETIN

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Check Criteria for Pleasure Craft License/Optional Registration

This Transport Canada, Office of Boating Safety Pacific PCCC bulletin is issued under the authority of the Regional Manager Boating Safety, Transport Canada in order to provide clarity and direction to PCCC checkers. The information in this bulletin provides additional and updated information to the TC PCCC manual. Any questions or enquires concerning this bulletin or any other particulars of the TC PCCC program are to be directed to Boating Safety Officer Mike Mitchell, Officer Primary Interest Transport Canada Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check Program.

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This bulletin replaces bulletin 02-07 and has been provided to update BSV's on recent changes to pleasure craft licensing requirements.

Please ensure that you discard bulletin 02-07.

Recent changes to the Canada Shipping Act require that a pleasure craft that is principally maintained or operated in Canada and equipped permanently or temporarily with a motor of 7.5Kw or when the aggregate power is 7.5Kw or more must be licensed *with the option* to be registered.

Canada Shipping Act 2001

- Part 2 Registration, Listing and Recording Section 46(1)(a) and Part 10 Pleasure Craft Optional registration
- 47. Unless they are registered, listed or otherwise recorded in a foreign state, the following vessels may be registered under this Part:
- (a) a pleasure craft that is wholly owned by qualified persons;

Exceptions for licensing or registration

- (a) Registered or licensed in accordance with the laws of another country and not principally maintained in Canada;
- (b) A life boat or other survival craft that is part of the equipment of a ship; or (This does not apply to small tender boats which are used as transportation between the shore and a larger pleasure craft)
- (c) An amphibious vehicle for which a provincial automobile license for highway travel is required. (This exemption will no longer be in effect once the Small Vessel Regulations 2007 come into force)

Amendments to the TC PCCC Student Manual 2004

- ➤ Pleasure Craft Licenses are issued under the authority of the Minister of Transport Canada (in the past it was the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans).
- As of April 1,2006 a pleasure craft license are obtained from Service Canada. (Canada Customs/Canadian Border Services no longer administer this program) Service Canada Office can be contacted by calling 1-800-O-Canada or at www.servicecanada.gc.ca
- Pleasure craft have the option to be registered.

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- ➤ Pleasure craft licensed prior to April 1, 2006 are not required to be re-licensed or updated through Service Canada if the owner and vessel information is correct and valid. The current license number scheme already assigned to that pleasure craft also remains valid. I.e. if it has a 14k number it does not need to change to BC number.
- ➤ On page 36 the drawing is misleading and may imply that there is a requirement for the registered pleasure craft to display the vessels name on the bow in addition to the vessel name and port of registry on the stern. Cross out the name on the bow, as this is not an actual requirement of the regulations (optional for the boater).
- Please up date pages 26, 27, 31, 32, 33,34, 35 and 36 of your manual.

Vessel licensing information http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca/
Vessel registration information http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/oep/shipreg/registration/menu.htm

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- Mandatory for pleasure craft, fitted with a motor (or motors) with a total power output of at least 7.5Kw (10 Hp) or more.
- Optional for pleasure craft, which are non-powered, or with *less than* a total power output of 7.5Kw.
- A copy or the original paper copy of the license must be produced.
- The number on the hull must be the same as on the copy of the license.
- After you ask for the owner's name, confirm it is the same as the license.
- If the owner's name or vessel license is not the same as the documentation then the requirements for vessel license have not been met.
- The pleasure craft must be confirmed as being correctly licensed to the owner authorizing the PCCC in order to pass this compulsory check item.
- The markings must be on both sides of the bow (or as close as possible) at least 75mm (3 inch) in contrasting colors. (Vessel license numbers found near the mid ships or stern may be accepted so long as the numbers are 75 mm, in contrasting colors and found on both sides of the craft. The vessel owner shall be advised of the proper placement when they next replace the vessel license numbers.)
- A tender boat with a motor of at least 7.5Kw must also be licensed.
- Detained or updated through a local Service Canada Office.

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- > Optional for pleasure craft regardless of size.
- Markings are proper, official number and registered tonnage carved in the main beam. In the case of fiberglass vessels, a brass plate where the official number and registered tonnage are engraved in located in a conspicuous place is acceptable.
- The vessel is marked once, together with the name of the vessel and port of registry (typically found on the stern), digits of at least 4 inches (100mm) in height, of contrasting colour with the hull. Remember that pleasure craft only need to have the name and port of registry displayed in one visible area.
- > Certificate of registry must be onboard.
- Certificate of registry includes the name of the owner and the same official number with one that is engraved on the main beam.

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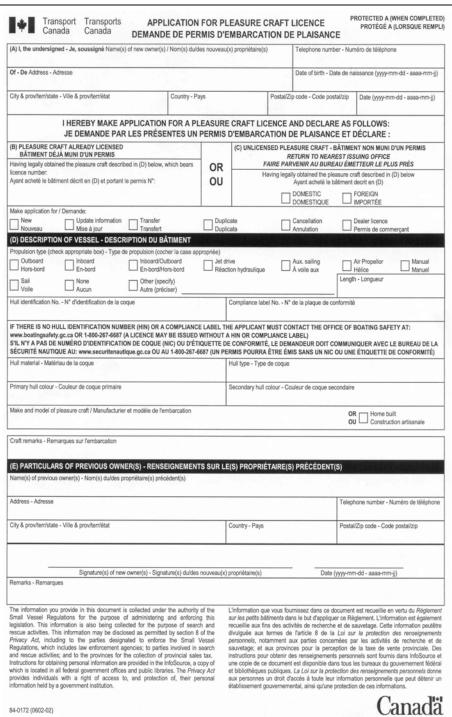
PWC with new alpha numbering licensing scheme (BCXXXXX) BC refers to British Columbia.



Registered name and port of registry must not be obstructed.



'K' license scheme used prior to April 1,2006 and is still valid. The checker can accept the location of this license number as it meets all other check criteria.



Application for a pleasure craft license.

http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/sc/boats/pcl.shtml

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